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TAGS: CDES, UR (BARRETT, ROBERT J.)
SUBJECT: DEATH OF ROBERT J. BARRETT: DISPOSITION
OF REMAINS

REF: (A) STATE 120453, (B) LENINGRAD 1405

1. POST HAS LEARNED PREPARATION OF THE BODY MAY BE COMPLETED EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 13 AND AIR FREIGHT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE BODY IN CORPUS CHRISTI ON MONDAY, MAY 15. TENTATIVE ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS: DEPART LENINGRAD MAY 13, SK733, 18:10; ARRIVE COPENHAGEN MAY 13, SK733, 19:20; DEPART COPENHAGEN MAY 14, SK941, 11:55; ARRIVE CHICAGO MAY 14, SK941, 16:40; DEPART CHICAGO MAY 15, BN153, 17:00; ARRIVE CORPUS CHRISTI MAY 15, BN153, 21:00.

2. POST WILL CONFIRM DEPARTURE OF BODY ASAP AND ADVISES DEPARTMENT NOT, REPEAT NOT INFORM RELATIVES ABOVE ITINERARY UNTIL CONFIRMATION OF SHIPMENT OF BODY RECEIVED. IF FUNERAL HOME NOTIFIED CAUTION TO INFORM RELATIVES ITINERARY STILL ONLY TENTATIVE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND MOTHER'S CONCERN TO VIEW THE BODY (REFTEL A, PARA 2) BUT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH UNCLASSIFIED

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TO RECOMMEND AGAINST IT. REASONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: SEVERE HEAD AND FACIAL INJURIES ON THE BODY; INCOMPATIBILITY OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN EMBALMING STANDARDS; PERIOD OF TIME WHICH WILL HAVE ELAPSED BEFORE ARRIVAL OF BODY AND FINAL PREPARATION AT US FUNERAL HOME; AND SOVIET LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT COFFIN BE HERMETICALLY SOLDERED SHUT WITH

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCE OF FURTHER DAMAGE TO THE BODY
BY ANY ATTEMPT TO OPEN IT. IN ADDITION, ONE OF
CONGENOFFS WHO WERE PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH
BARRETT AND WHO IDENTIFIED THE BODY BOTH BY SIGHT
AND BY PAPERS ON THE BODY WILL WITNESS SEALING OF
THE COFFIN. DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS THIS
MATTER WITH FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND SEEK HIS ASSISTANCE.
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